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SUBJECT: EXPANDED US-JAPAN STEEL CONSULTATION

1. US DEL WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING IN US-JAPAN
STEEL CONSULTATIONS:

(A) CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STEEL MARKET, PRODUCTION, AND
TRADE CONDITIONS. PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS WILL BE ON
PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED IN US. WILL BE INTERESTED IN
JAPANESE VIEWS OF US AND EC STEEL SITUATIONS AS WELL AS JAPANESE
DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET CONDITIONS. (JAPANESE STATISTICS
ON STEEL CONSUMPTION, OUTPUT AND TRADE BY PRODUCT CATEGORY AND
TRADING PARTNERS WOULD BE HELPFUL). INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT (E.G.
SHEET, PLATE) AND GEOGRAPHIC (E.G. GULF COAST) DEVELOPMENTS OF
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION.

(B) DEVELOPMENTS OTHER THAN MARKET FORCES WHICH ARE
RESTRICTING OR MAY RESTRICT STEEL TRADE INCLUDING THE EC-JAPANESE
UNDERSTANDING. US DEL WILL DISCUSS RANGE OF DOMESTIC
STEEL INDUSTRY ACTIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO USG TRADE
ACTIONS (E.G. 301 CASE). WILL BE INTERESTED
IN JAPANESE VIEWS ON SIMONET PLAN, EUROFER, AND DENELUX.
US DEL PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIALTY STEEL IF GOJ
DESIRES.

(C) PROBLEMS OF A LONGER TERM OR RECURRING NATURE

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WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION IN A STEEL

SECTOR NEGOTIATION. US DEL NOT PREPARED TO OFFER A USG
PROPOSAL FOR THE SCOPE OR OBJECTIVE FOR STEEL SECTOR
NEGOTIATIONS BUT WILL REVIEW THE ISSUES UNDER EXAMINATION.
WILL BE INTERESTED IN BOJ VIEWS ON LONGER TERM
PROBLEMS.

(D) POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND
DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STEEL TRADE ISSUES (E.G. BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL). HINTON

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